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1 Mr. Antony George	3 Mr. S. Thiraviam Nadar
2 „ M. K. Janardhana Kammath	4 „ P. K. Thomas

THROWING OPEN OF SCHOOLS, SATRAMS AND ROADS TO ALL CLASSES OF PEOPLE.

MR. K. M. KRISHNAN (*Ambalapuzha II*) : സർ, ഏതാനും ചില സത്രങ്ങളിലും റോഡുകളിലും ഇന്നിയും എല്ലാ സമുദായക്കാർക്കും ഒന്നു പോലെ പ്രവേശനസ്വാതന്ത്ര്യം ഇല്ലാതെയാണിരിക്കുന്നതു. എന്നാൽ [illegible] പുറപ്പെടുവിച്ച ക്ഷേത്രപ്രവേശനവിളംബരംകൊണ്ടു ഇപ്പോൾ ന്യൂനതകളും [illegible] രിഹരിക്കാവുന്നതായതുകൽ ഈ പ്രമേയം ഇപ്പോൾ അവതരിപ്പിക്കണമെന്നു ഞാൻ വിചാരിക്കുന്നില്ല.

CULTIVATION OF TOBACCO.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*) : Sir, I wish to move the following resolution:—

"This Assembly recommends to the Government that the prohibition against the cultivation of tobacco be removed"

It is admitted on all hands that every possible step must be taken for promoting the national prosperity.

MR. T. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara II*) : I wish to know from the member whether at present there is any complete prohibition against the cultivation of tobacco ?

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*) Under the present law without necessary rules there is complete prohibition. The attempt of the Government as well as the people is to find out means of giving employment to as large a section of the unemployed as possible. It is also the anxious consideration of the general public that the economic drain of our State must be brought to the minimum possible. Tobacco has become almost a necessity as far as our people are concerned. We are importing tobacco to the value of about Rs. 50 lakhs annually and the Government are getting an income of Rs. 20 to 24 lakhs per annum. By this resolution I do not want to reduce the revenue which the Government derive from tobacco, but I want to see that our State becomes self-sufficient at least as far as tobacco is concerned, and the present abnormal drain under this head is stopped altogether. With regard to the question that has been put by my friend Mr. T. Krishna Pillai whether there is at present absolute prohibition of the cultivation of tobacco I may tell the House that, in practice, there is absolute prohibition. There was prohibition of tobacco cultivation in the State. But the Government themselves thought that it was

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